

XI. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons within the corporation who are liable by law to work on the high roads, shall be liable to work on the streets and roads in the aforesaid corporation, and no further.

XII. *And be it further enacted,* That the town council be, and they are hereby invested with full power and authority to lay and collect such taxes on town property (not exceeding twelve and a half cents on each hundred dollars) as they shall find necessary for the repair of streets and roads, and for the good of the corporation.

XIII. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the intendant to appoint two commissioners to hold an election for a town council, and shall publish the same by advertisement at the court house door, at least ten days previous to the expiration of the year for which the council were appointed; and for every failure, he shall pay the sum of five dollars, to the use of the corporation; and if one or both the commissioners appointed to hold an election for town council for the next year, shall fail or refuse to hold the same, he or they shall pay five dollars each, to the use of the corporation; and if the intendant and commissioners fail to hold an election as directed by this act, any two freeholders of said town shall hold said election on said day, which shall be as legal and valid as above required.

XIV. *And be it further enacted,* That this act be and remain in force from and after the first day of January, 1826; and that all acts and parts of acts coming within the meaning and purview of this act, be, and they are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER LXX.

An act to establish a poor house in the county of Martin.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for the wardens of the poor for the county of Martin to make application to the County Courts of said county, who, if they deem the same expedient, (a majority of the justices being present,) are hereby authorised and empowered to lay such a tax as they may deem necessary, for the purpose of procuring a piece of land, by purchase or otherwise, at or near the town of Williamston, to build or cause to be built thereon, a house or houses fit for the reception of the poor of said county; under which denomination shall be comprehended all such persons of either sex, as shall be adjudged by the wardens incapable, through age or infirmities, to procure subsistence for themselves; and the said wardens shall appoint a keeper or overseer of said poor, whose business it shall be to preserve good order, and see they are humanely treated and provided with suitable diet, clothing and fuel, and to enforce all such regulations as the said wardens shall make for the good government of said poor; and the said overseer, for his services, shall be allowed such compensation as the said wardens may think adequate, to be paid out of the taxes laid for that purpose; and the keeper of said poor is hereby authorised to keep at moderate labour such of the poor as he may deem capable of labour, and shall account on oath to the said wardens, at the end of every year, for all such sums as may have arisen from the labour of said poor; and he shall make out a complete statement of all the expenses incurred in carrying on and keeping up said poor house.

II. *Be it further enacted,* That the taxes imposed by virtue of this act shall be collected by the sheriff of said county, and paid over to the wardens.